

36.11.433 GRIZZLY BEAR MANAGEMENT ON OTHER WESTERN MONTANA LANDS (1) When conducting forest management activities on scattered lands administered by the Stillwater unit, Kalispell unit, Missoula unit and Clearwater unit, within the NCDE, and in Plains and Libby unit lands within the Cabinet-Yaak ecosystem, the department shall adhere to the following:

(a) Design projects to result in no permanent net increase of open road density on parcels that exceed an open road density of one mile per square mile using simple linear calculations. This shall apply only during the non-denning period. Temporary increases are permissible for up to two consecutive operating seasons. The department shall make efforts to reduce total road density when compatible with other agency goals and objectives.

(b) Retain cover that provides visual screening adjacent to open roads to the extent practicable.

(c) Maintain hiding cover where available along all riparian zones.

(d) Prohibit contractors and purchasers conducting contract operations from carrying firearms while operating. (History: 77-1-202, 77-1-209, 77-5-201, 77-5-204, MCA; IMP, 77-5-116, 77-5-204, 77-5-206, 77-5-207, MCA; NEW, 2003 MAR p. 397, Eff. 3/14/03.)